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GRADING AND PRICING OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

the fresh steps taken by the Union Government for grading and pricing of coal on the basis of gross calorific value?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

Ministry of Coal had constituted a committee for considering formulation of the gradation system of coal based on Gross Calorific Value (GCV) and creating equivalency chart between gross calorific value and Useful Heat Value (UHV). CFRI, Dhanbad conducted the exercise so assigned to them and developed such equivalency charts. The above Committee suggested to use a matrix system for grading of coals considering experimentally determined ash and GCV values on 'as received basis'. The recommendations of the Committee were considered by the Ministry of Coal in July, 2003 when it was decided that 'to start with, one mine preferably in NCL may be selected for adoption of GCV on trial basis. The mine will be jointly selected by CIL and NTPC. In such a selected mine, for six months, both GCV and UHV will be compared and further necessary action will be taken thereafter'.

Accordingly, Amlohri opencast mine of Northern Coalfields Limited has been selected for the purpose.

The coal gradation is exercised by notification of the same by the government and coal prices are declared by CIL as per gradation. Presently the coal gradation and pricing are based on UHV. Pricing on the basis of GCV will be possible only after gradation of coal is made on the basis of GCV.